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Sunday, May 14, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Tim Valentino Pat Shroff Organ Voluntary Take Time to Be Holy Arr. Wells & Ouiet Reflection Praise, My Soul Arr. L. Smith Call to Worship Psalm 66:1. 4 Rev. Tim Valentino **Fave Hipkiss** (Responsive) Opening Hymn 49: For the Beauty of the Earth Congregation **Prayer of Adoration** Rev. Tim Valentino Scripture Readings Acts 17:22-31 The First Lesson: Lisa Dreibelbis The Response: Psalm 66:7-18(Responsive) Lisa Dreibelbis /Faye Hipkiss The New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 3:17-22 Lisa Dreibelbis The Gospel Lesson: John 5:1-14 Lisa Dreibelbis Worship in Giving 1 Corinthians 8:7 Rev. Tim Valentino 375: My Faith Looks Up to Thee (verse 2 only) Prayer Hymn Congregation Prayer Led by Pastor Rev. Tim Valentino Praise & Worship Yes I Will / He Will Come and Save You Congregation Sermon The Incredible Christ 4: Healed for Holiness Rev. Tim Valentino (John 5:1-18) Closing Hymn 353: I Am Thine, O Lord Congregation **Benediction** Rev. Tim Valentino Christ the Victor Organ Postlude Pat Shroff Todd Kendali Organist Pat Shroff **Hospital Visitor This Week:** Faye Hipkiss **Pianist** Shelley Miller Hymn Leader, Vocalist Maureen Logan Children's Church Sonya Valentino Flutist Shirley Long



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Andrew Valentino

Rev. Tim Valentino

Patricia Strain

Bob Long

Sonva Valentino

Marcy Garman

Melanie Leedom

Lisa Dreibelbis

Fave Hipkiss

Call to Worship: Psalm 66:1, 4

¹Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

⁴All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you,

they sing the praises of your name.

The First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 28 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

The Response: **Psalm 66:7-18** (Responsive)

⁷He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations let not the rebellious rise up against him.

8 Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard;

he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.

¹⁰ For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver.

¹¹You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

¹³I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill my vows to you—

¹⁴ vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams; I will offer bulls and goats.

16 Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

¹⁷I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.

¹⁸ If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

The New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 3:17-22

¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

The Gospel Lesson: John 5:1-14

¹ Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals.
² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

⁷ "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

⁸Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." ⁹At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat."

¹¹But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

¹² So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?"

¹³The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."

Worship in Giving: 1 Corinthians 8:7

⁷But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

Yes I Will

I count on one thing The same God that never fails Will not fail me now You won't fail me now In the waiting The same God who's never late Is working all things out Is working all things out

Yes I will, lift You high in the lowest valley Yes I will, bless Your name Oh, yes I will, sing for joy when my heart is heavy All my days, oh yes I will

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He Will Come and Save You

Say to those who are fearful hearted Do not be afraid The Lord your God will come And with His mighty arm When you call on His Name He will come and save you

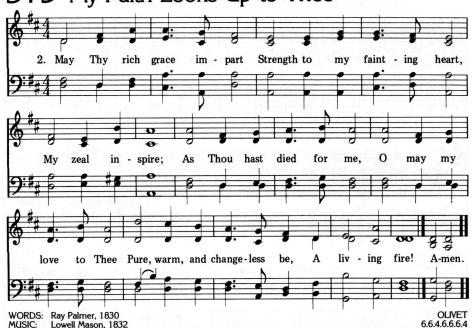
[CHORUS]

He will come and save you He will come and save you Say to the weary one Your God will surely come He will come and save you He will come and save you Lift up your eyes to Him You will arise again He will come and save you Say those who are broken hearted Do not lose your faith The Lord your God will come And with His loving hand When you call on His Name He will surely come [REPEAT CHORUS]

[BRIDGE

He is our refuge in the day of trouble He is our shelter in the time of storm He is our tower in the day of sorrow Our fortress in the time of war **IREPEAT CHORUS**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday: MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Online via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.

Sundays: <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> for all ages @ 9:00 a.m. <u>MORNING WORSHIP</u> in Dech Chapel @ 10:30 a.m.

TODAY: MOTHER'S DAY RECOGNITION @ 10:30 in Dech Chapel

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING (goes to StoneRidge)

 $\textbf{May 24 thru 26:} \ \underline{\text{ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE}} \ @ \ \text{Messiah College}$

Sunday, May 21: CHURCH "POT LUCK" LUNCHEON

@ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons
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Saturday, June 10: <u>CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY</u> 8:30 a.m. to Noon. More info to follow.

Monday, June 12: MINISTRY
COUNCIL MEETING

7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom

Please sign-up to join us for our

May 21 Church "Pot Luck" Luncheon

using the sheet in the Narthex.

The list of **Sharing Cupboard** current food needs: EVERYTHING, including • Spaghetti Sauce • Cereal • Canned Fruit • Tomato Products • Cookies • And regular items

Prayer Requests: If you any have any prayer requests for distribution, please send them to Pastor Tim at <u>pastortim@christcomm.church</u> or (484) 269-4313.

We still need several helpers for VBS. Please talk to Maureen to volunteer.



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New VBS dates: June 19-22

(Monday thru Thursday)

Come to **Avalanche Ranch**, a wild ride through God's Word! Get ready for an exciting celebration of God's love filled with stampeding cattle, yapping cattle dogs, soaring eagles, and a whole herd of friends.

Pick up some fliers and share with your friends and neighbors!



All volunteers need their clearances to work with children. Please see Maureen or Sonya if you need help completing these forms online.